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For: **METHODS OF PREPARING AQUEOUS COLORED PIGMENT  
DISPERSIONS, AND INKJET INK COMPOSITIONS**

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 2, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

**Summary of the Invention and Pending Claims**

The present invention relates to methods for preparing aqueous colored pigment dispersions comprising the step of combining, in any order, a) a colored pigment, b) an azo coupler, c) an aromatic amine, d) a diazotizing agent, and e) an aqueous medium. The aromatic amine comprises at least one ionic group, at least one ionizable group, or a mixture of at least one ionic group and at least one ionizable group. Also disclosed are inkjet ink